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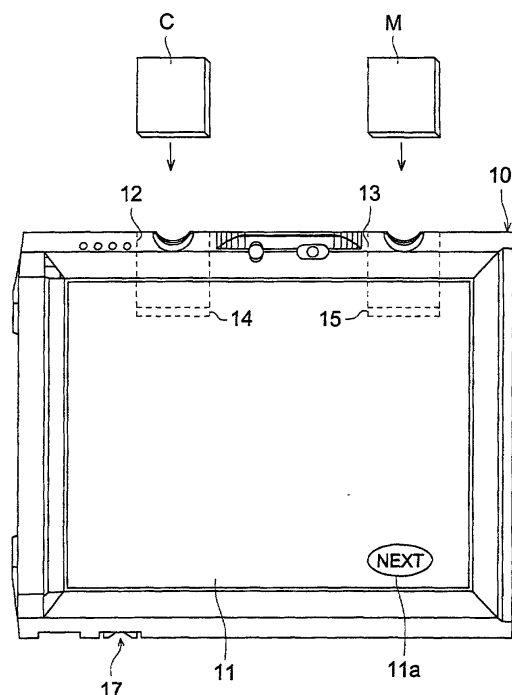
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(54) **Order situation tracing system and print order receiving apparatus**

(57) An order situation tracing system for tracing a processing situation for a print order, comprises a detector connected to at least one of print order receiving apparatus which is capable of outputting image data and an image forming apparatus which forms a print based on a print order information outputted from the print order receiving apparatus respectively and to detect the processing situation for the print order from receipt of the print order to completion of forming the print based on the signal from the print order receiving apparatus and from the image forming apparatus; a memory to store backup data regarding the print order in accordance with the processing situation for the print order; and an output device to output information regarding the processing situation detected by the detector.

FIG. 1





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